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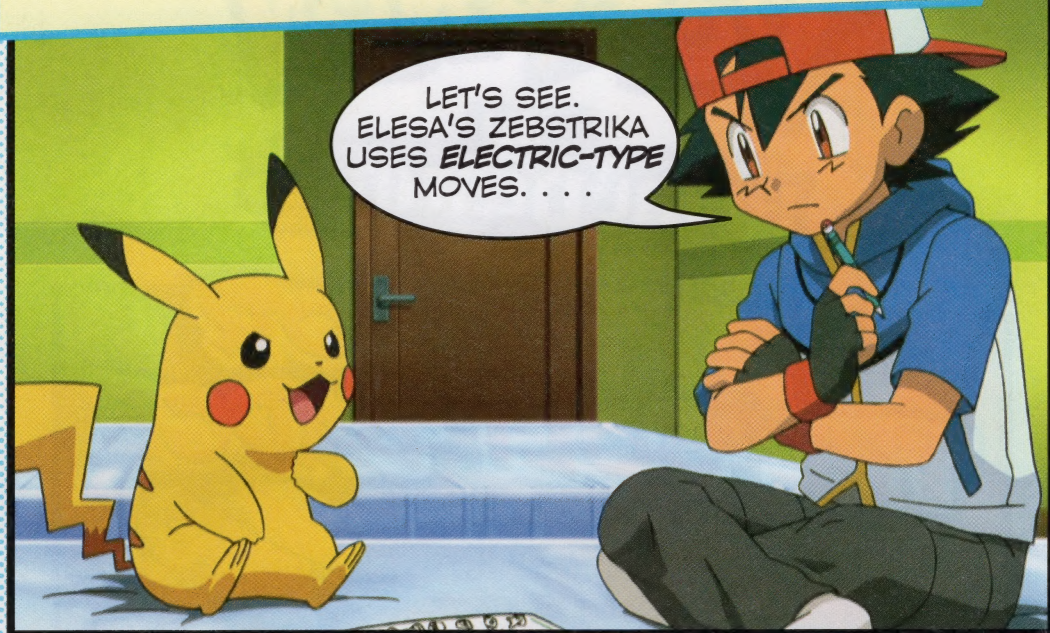
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ASH, PIKACHU, AND THEIR FRIENDS IRIS AND CILAN WERE VISITING NIMBASA CITY.



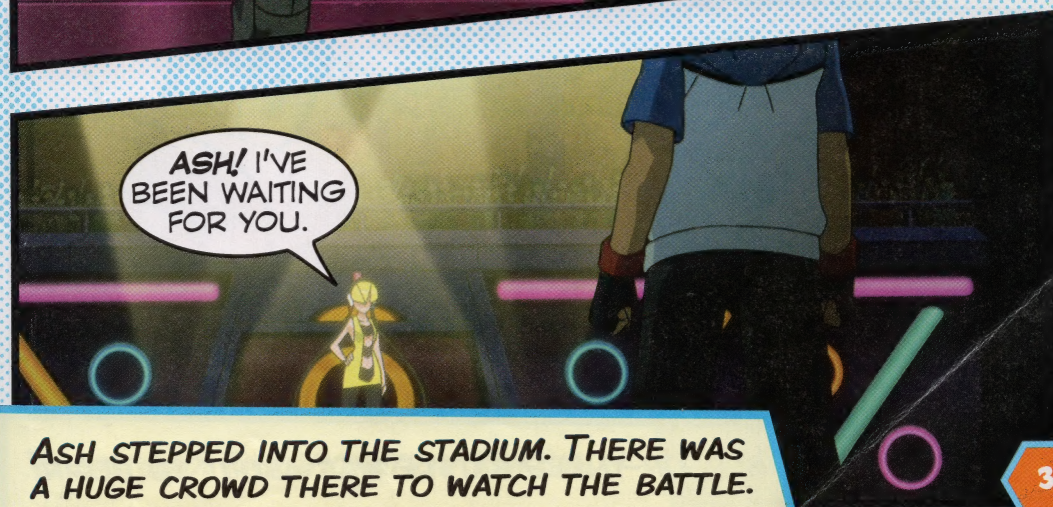
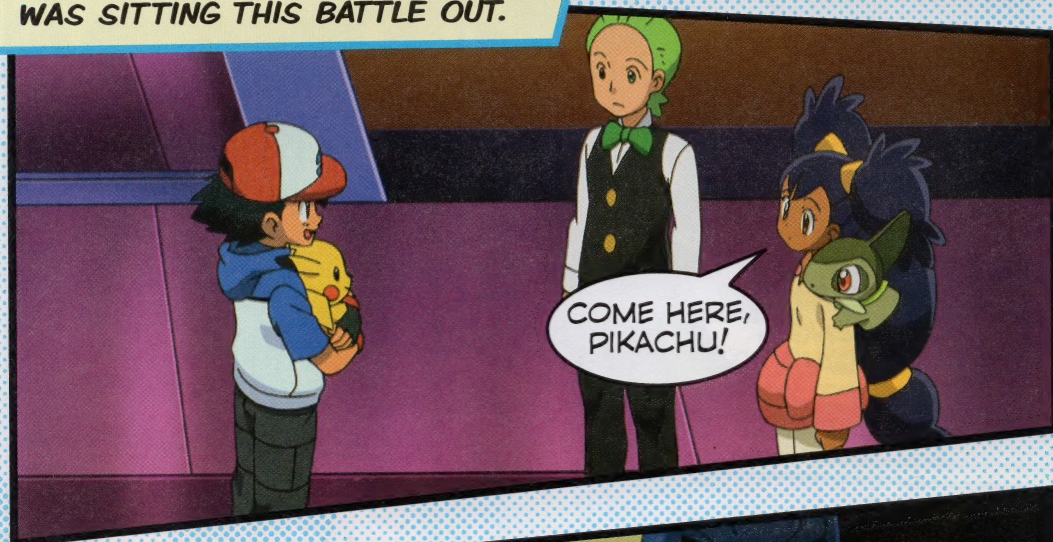
ASH WAS BUSY PLANNING HIS BATTLE STRATEGY AGAINST THE NIMBASA CITY GYM LEADER, Elesa. HE WAS DETERMINED TO WIN HIS NEXT UNOVA GYM BADGE.



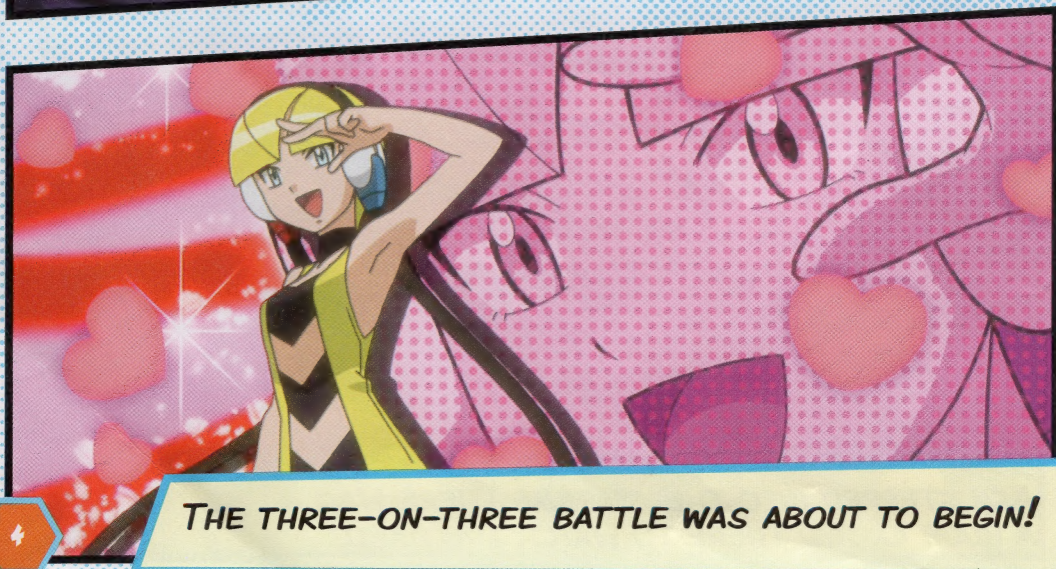
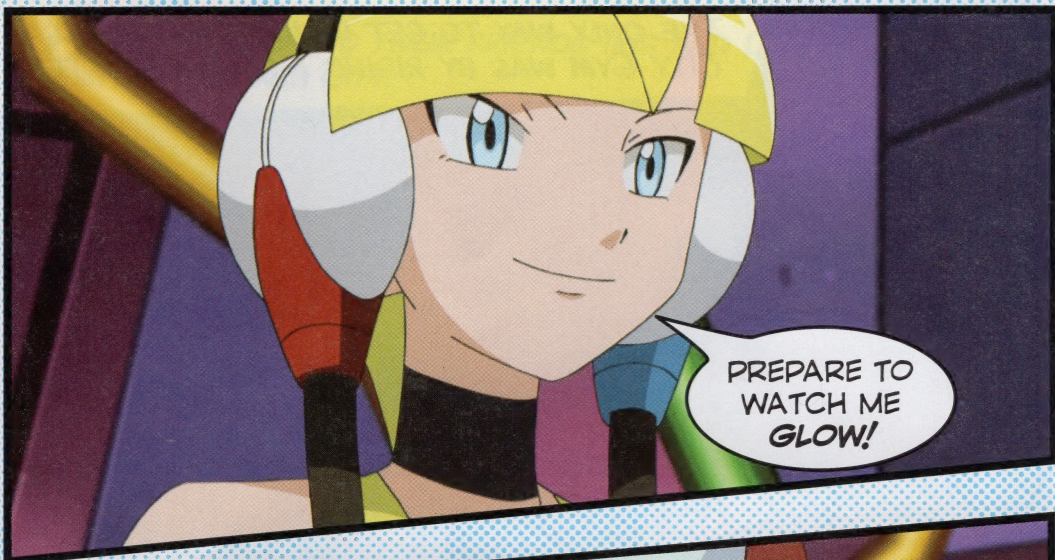
THE ONLY WAY TO GET INSIDE THE NIMBASA CITY GYM WAS BY RIDING A ROLLERCOASTER.



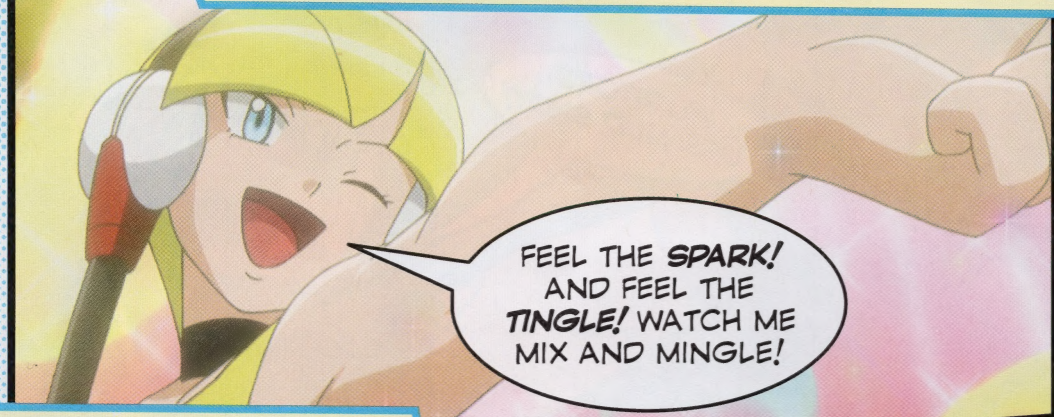
ASH'S TRUSTY YELLOW POKÉMON WAS SITTING THIS BATTLE OUT.



ASH STEPPED INTO THE STADIUM. THERE WAS A HUGE CROWD THERE TO WATCH THE BATTLE.



ELESA'S ZEBSTRIKA BURST OUT OF ITS POKÉ BALL.



FEEL THE **SPARK!**
AND FEEL THE
TINGLE! WATCH ME
MIX AND MINGLE!

**ZEBSTRIKA: THE
THUNDERBOLT POKÉMON**

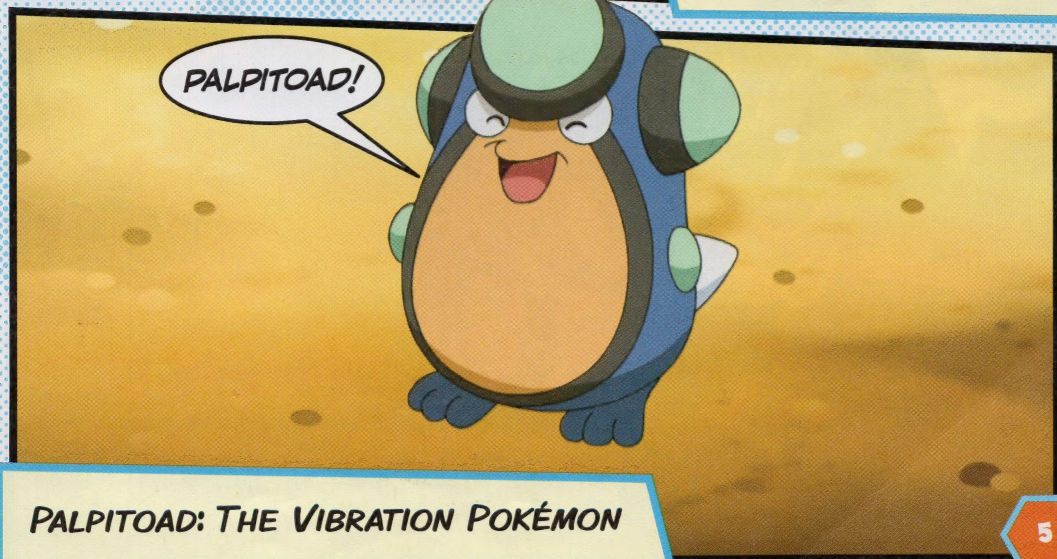


ZEBSTRIKKKKKA!



I CHOOSE YOU,
PALPITOAD!

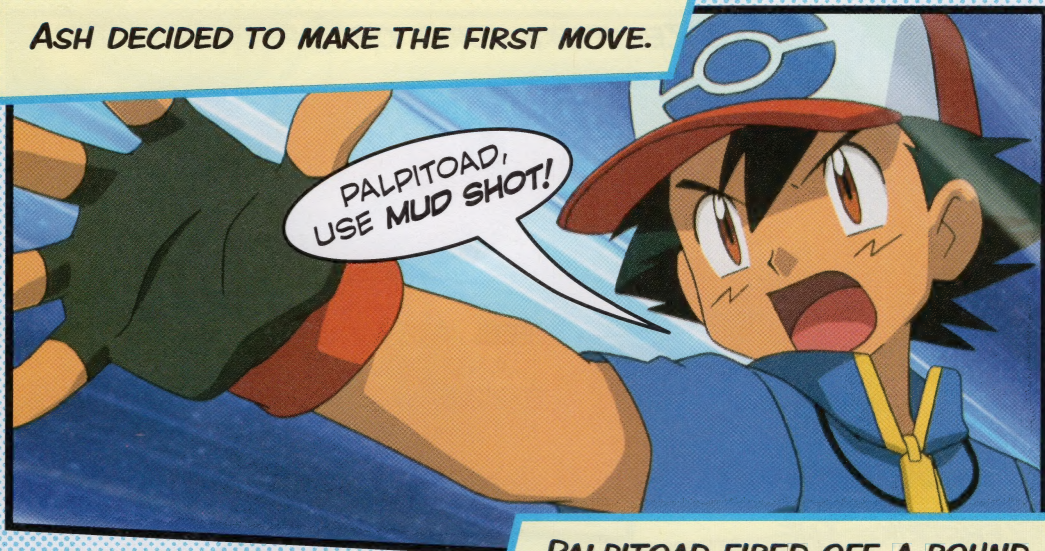
**ASH'S POKÉMON WAS
READY TO BATTLE.**



PALPITOAD!

PALPITOAD: THE VIBRATION POKÉMON

ASH DECIDED TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.



PALPITOAD FIRED OFF A ROUND OF BROWN DIRT BALLS.

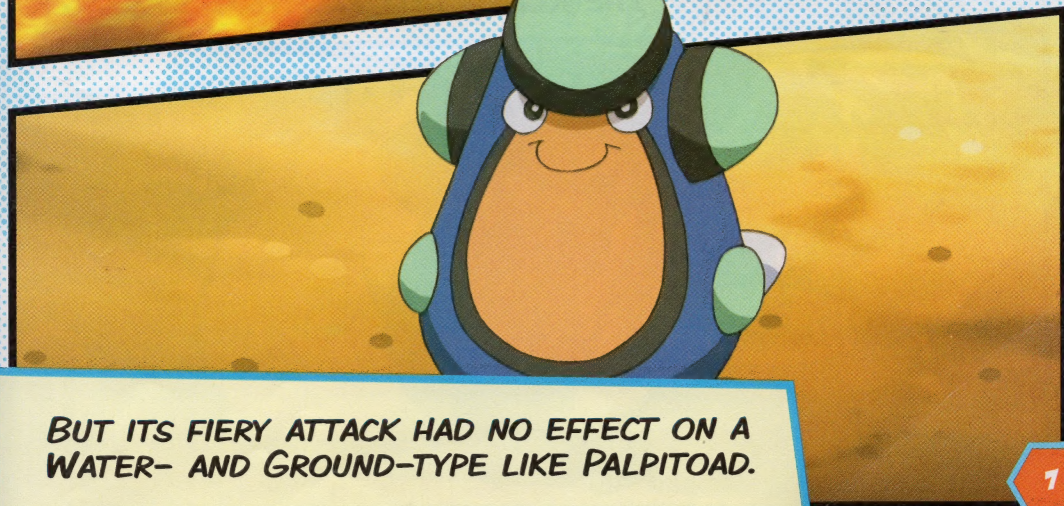
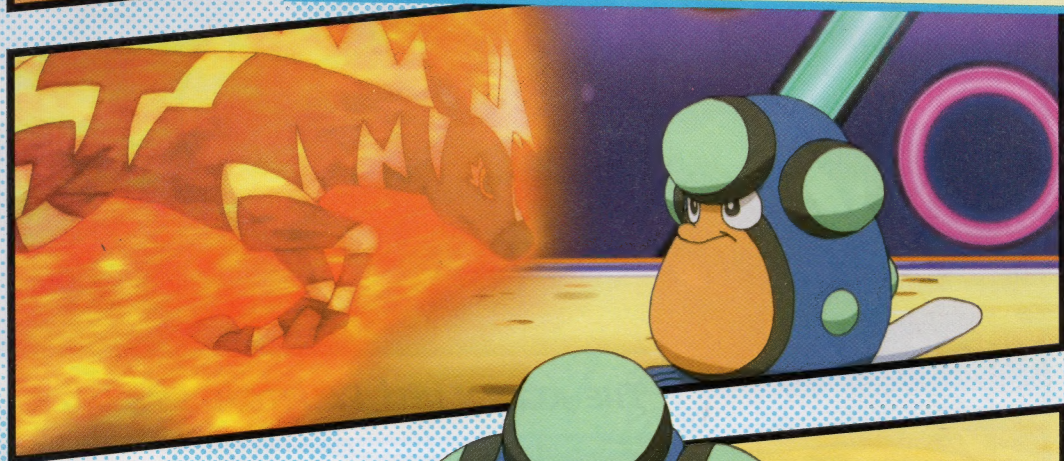


BUT SPEEDY ZEBSTRIKA DODGED THE MOVE.





ZEBSTRIKA RACED ACROSS THE BATTLEFIELD.



BUT ITS FIERY ATTACK HAD NO EFFECT ON A WATER- AND GROUND-TYPE LIKE PALPITOAD.


ELESA HAD ANOTHER TRICK UP HER SLEEVE. . . .

ZEBSTRIKA,
DOUBLE KICK!

FLAME CHARGE HAD POWERED UP
ZEBSTRIKA. NOW IT HAD SUPERSPEED.

THE ATTACK HIT! PALPITOAD WAS DAZED.

PAA-AAA-AAALP. . . .





NOW FOR THE
FINAL ACT!
USE QUICK ATTACK!

**ZEBSTRIKA SHONE LIKE THE
SUN AS IT SPED AT PALPITOAD.**



PALPITOOOOOOOAD!

**ZEBSTRIKA WAS FAST, BUT
PALPITOAD STAYED STRONG.**



ALL RIGHT!

NOW PALPITOAD WAS READY TO MAKE ITS MOVE. . . .



THEN ASH HAD AN IDEA FOR A WINNING COMBINATION — MUD SHOT AND HYDRO PUMP!

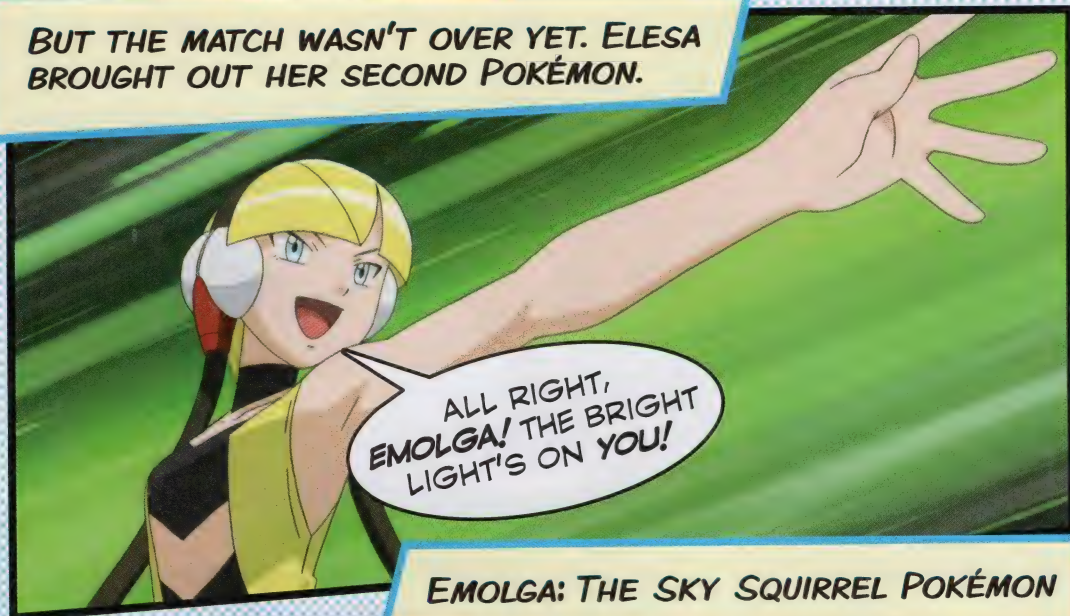




**WITH THAT, ASH AND PALPITOAD
WON THE FIRST ROUND!**



BUT THE MATCH WASN'T OVER YET. ELESA BROUGHT OUT HER SECOND POKÉMON.



EMOLGA: THE SKY SQUIRREL POKÉMON



EMOLGA ZOOMED IN WITH ACROBATICS.



PALPITOAD
TRIED TO
SQUEAK OUT
SUPERSONIC,
BUT IT WAS
TIRED.

PAAAAAAL... .

EMOLGA USED ONE OF ITS
TRICKIEST MOVES — ATTRACT.

WINK!

UH-OH! PALPITOAD FELL UNDER EMOLGA'S SPELL.



EMOLGA,
AERIAL ACE!



WHOOSH!

THAT DID IT FOR PALPITOAD.
EMOLGA WON THE ROUND!

PALPITOOOOAD. . .



ASH DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO
DO NEXT. AND
HE HAD TO PUT
HIS SECOND
POKÉMON INTO
PLAY — FAST!

I CHOOSE YOU,
SNIVY!

SNIVY: THE GRASS
SNAKE POKÉMON

SNIVY!

SNIVY WAS TOUGH, BUT IT WASN'T THE
BEST CHOICE FOR THIS BATTLE. . . .

HUH?

SNIVY TRIED VINE WHIP.

THWAP!

SNIVY TRIED LEAF BLADE.

EMOOOOOOO!

SNIIIIIVY!

SNIVY TRIED LEAF STORM.

SWOOSH!

DID IT
WORK?

**BUT EMOLGA SIMPLY FLEW AWAY,
DODGING ALL OF SNIVY'S ATTACKS.**



SNIVY, NO!



**WATCHING THE BATTLE GOT PIKACHU ALL FIRED
UP. IT WANTED TO JUMP IN AND HELP OUT!**





EMOLGA SEEMED TO BE COMING FROM EVERYWHERE AT ONCE!

SNOOSH!



SNIVY WAS TOO TIRED TO KEEP BATTLING. ASH HAD LOST THE SECOND ROUND.

SNIVY!
YOU OKAY?
YOU DESERVE A
GOOD REST!

THE FANS SEEMED TO THINK THE BATTLE WAS AS GOOD AS OVER...

GO, ELESA!

HOORAY!

YAY!

... BUT ASH STILL HAD ONE MORE CHANCE. IT WAS TIME TO PICK HIS THIRD AND FINAL POKÉMON.

WHAT AM I GONNA DO?! THERE'S **THIS** TYPE, AND THERE'S **THAT** TYPE, SO NOW WHAT?!

FOR PIKACHU, THE
CHOICE WAS CLEAR.

I THOUGHT I NEEDED TO
THINK UP SOME SORT OF
AWESOME PLAN BY MYSELF!
BUT I **FORGOT** SOMETHING..
I CAN'T BATTLE WITHOUT
MY POKÉMON!

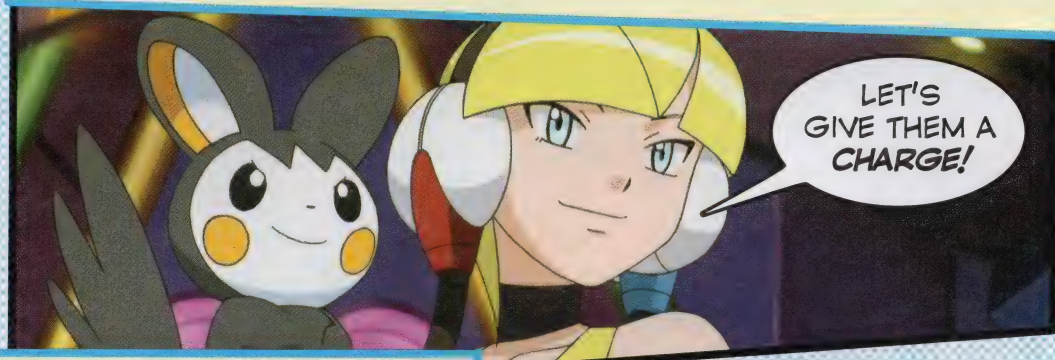
PIKA, PIKA!

I'M USELESS BY
MYSELF PIKACHU,
I NEED YOUR **HELP**,
BUDDY!

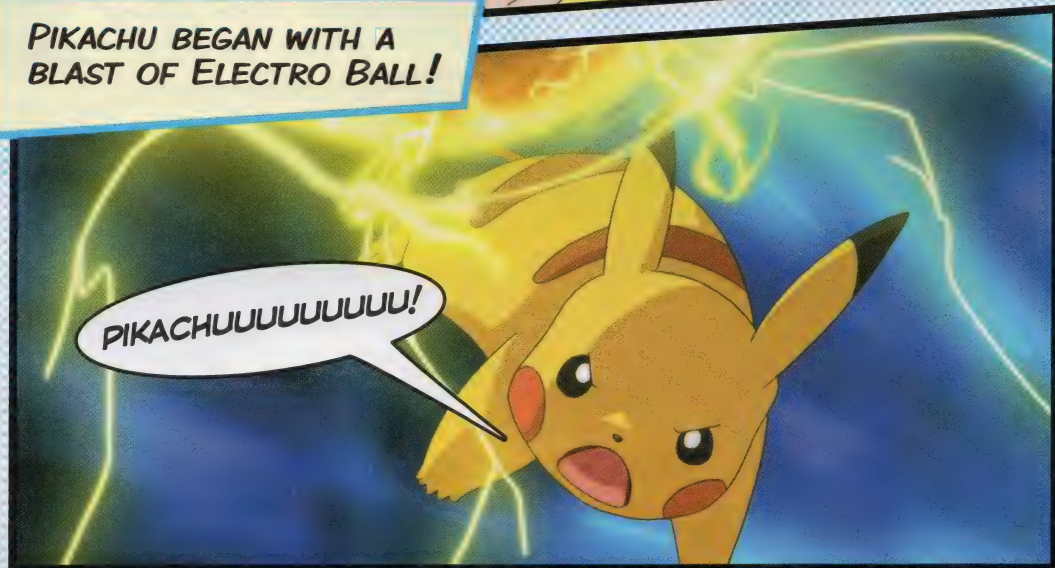
LET'S **BATTLE**
WHAT DO YOU
SAY?

PIIIIIKAAAAA!

A BATTLE BETWEEN TWO ELECTRIC-TYPES IS A SHOW OF SPIRIT AND STRENGTH.



PIKACHU BEGAN WITH A BLAST OF ELECTRO BALL!



BUT EMOLGA COUNTERED WITH THE SAME MOVE!



ASH WAS THINKING FAST, AND
PIKACHU ACTED EVEN FASTER.



YEAH!
USE QUICK
ATTACK!



EMO?!

PIKACHU WON THE ROUND AGAINST EMOLGA!



WHAT?
EMOLGA!

ELESA HAD TO CHOOSE HER THIRD AND FINAL POKÉMON.

TYNAMO: THE ELEFISH POKÉMON

IT'S MY TYNAMO!
THE BRIGHT LIGHT
IS ON YOU!

TYNAMO!

I'D BETTER
BE **SHARP**!

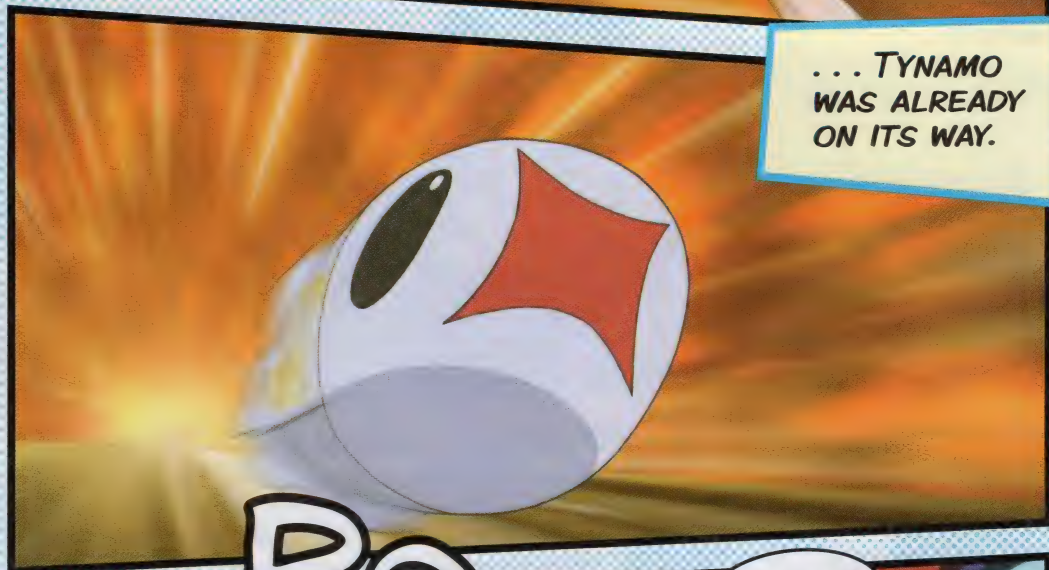
PIIIKAAA?

ASH LOOKED UP THE LITTLE ELECTRIC-TYPE IN HIS POKÉDEX.

BUT BEFORE ASH HAD TIME TO READ UP . . .



TYNAMO,
USE **TACKLE!**



. . . TYNAMO
WAS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY.



UH-OH!



TYNAMO'S TACKLES PINNED PIKACHU TO THE GROUND!



**PIKACHU WORKED WITH ALL
ITS MIGHT TO BREAK FREE.**


A yellow Pikachu is shown in a dynamic pose, pushing against a large, jagged rock. Its mouth is wide open in a shout, and its eyes are wide. The background is a sandy, rocky terrain.

PIIIKKKAAAACHUUUUUU!

A close-up of Pikachu's face. It has a determined expression with a slight smile and its eyes are focused forward. The background is a solid yellow color.


**SOON THE LITTLE YELLOW POKÉMON WAS
BACK ON TOP AND READY TO BATTLE!**

PIKACHU WAS JUST IN TIME FOR ASH'S LATEST PLAN. . . .

Ash Ketchum is shown from the chest up, wearing his signature blue and white sailor-style shirt, a red and white baseball cap with a blue Poké Ball logo, and a yellow lanyard. He has a wide, enthusiastic smile and is looking towards the right. He is seated in a control room with purple and blue background panels and yellow structural beams.

PIKACHU,
THUNDERBOLT! AND
I WANT TONS!

PIKACHU CHARGED UP . . .

Pikachu is shown in a dynamic pose, facing left. Its mouth is wide open in a shout, and its eyes are squeezed shut. It is surrounded by a bright, intense yellow glow that fills the background of the panel. The glow has a radial pattern, suggesting a powerful energy source.

PIKAAAAAAAAA . . .


. . . AND FIRED
OFF BRIGHT
BOLTS OF
LIGHTNING!

Pikachu is shown in the center, surrounded by a massive, bright yellow lightning bolt that radiates outwards. The background is dark and industrial, with vertical yellow beams. The scene is filled with energy and light.

. . . CHU-CHU-CHU!

ZAP! ZAP! ZAP!

NONE OF THE THUNDERBOLTS WERE AIMED AT TYNAMO.

A panel showing Professor Oak on the left, wearing his signature green bow tie and white lab coat, looking towards the right. On the right, Ash Ketchum is shown from the chest up, looking surprised with wide eyes and an open mouth. A small, green, round Pokémon with large eyes is visible in the bottom right corner of the panel.

ASH HAS A COMPLETELY **DIFFERENT PLAN** UP HIS SLEEVE!

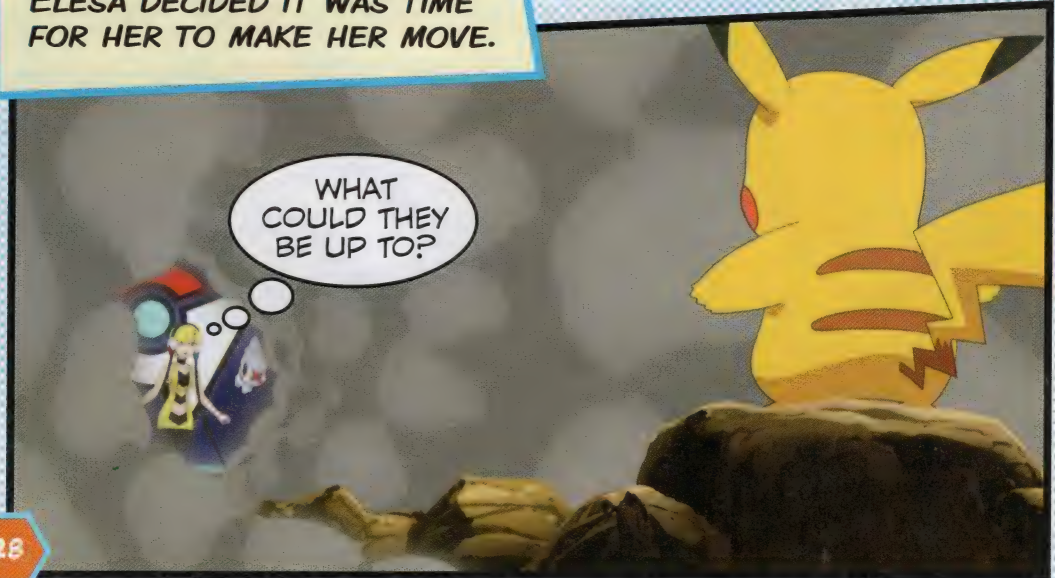
HE KNOWS **ELECTRIC-TYPE MOVES** AREN'T EFFECTIVE ON TYNAMO!

BUT EVERYTHING SEEMED TO BE GOING ACCORDING TO ASH'S PLAN. . . .

A panel showing Ash Ketchum on the right, wearing his blue jacket, white shirt, and red and white cap with a blue circle. He is cheering with his arms raised. To his left, Pikachu is shown from the waist up, also cheering with its arms raised. The background is dark with some blue and purple light effects.

AWESOME! KEEP UP THOSE THUNDERBOLTS!

ELESA DECIDED IT WAS TIME FOR HER TO MAKE HER MOVE.

A panel showing Pikachu from behind, perched on a dark, jagged rock. Pikachu's tail is raised, showing a red lightning bolt. In the distance, to the left, a small group of people and a Pokémon are visible, looking towards Pikachu. The background is a dark, smoky or misty environment.

WHAT COULD THEY BE UP TO?

TYNAMO ZIPPED THROUGH THE AIR. BUT THE SMOKE FROM PIKACHU'S THUNDERBOLTS HID ASH'S ELECTRIC-TYPE, ALLOWING IT TO FIRE UP ITS NEXT MOVE . . . IRON TAIL!

TYNAMOooooooooooooooooo!

AS TYNAMO CLOSED IN, PIKACHU SPRANG INTO ACTION.

WHACK!

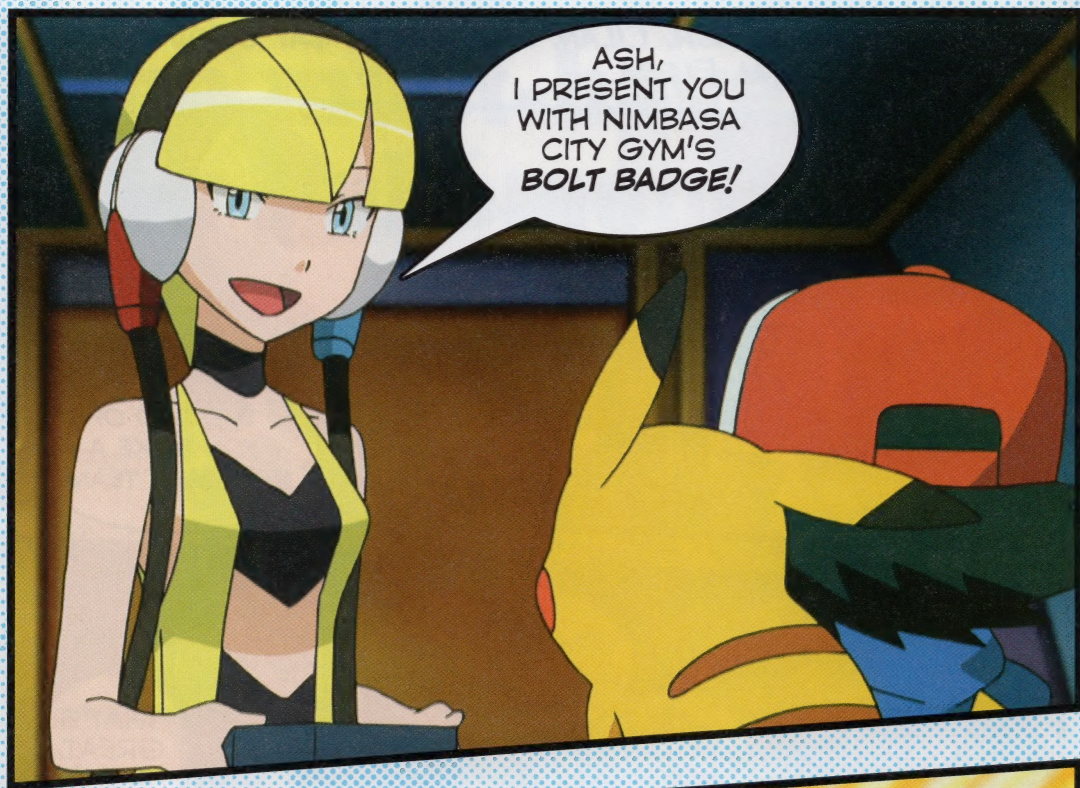
PIKACHU DEFEATED ELESА'S TYNAMO!

PIKA, PIKA!

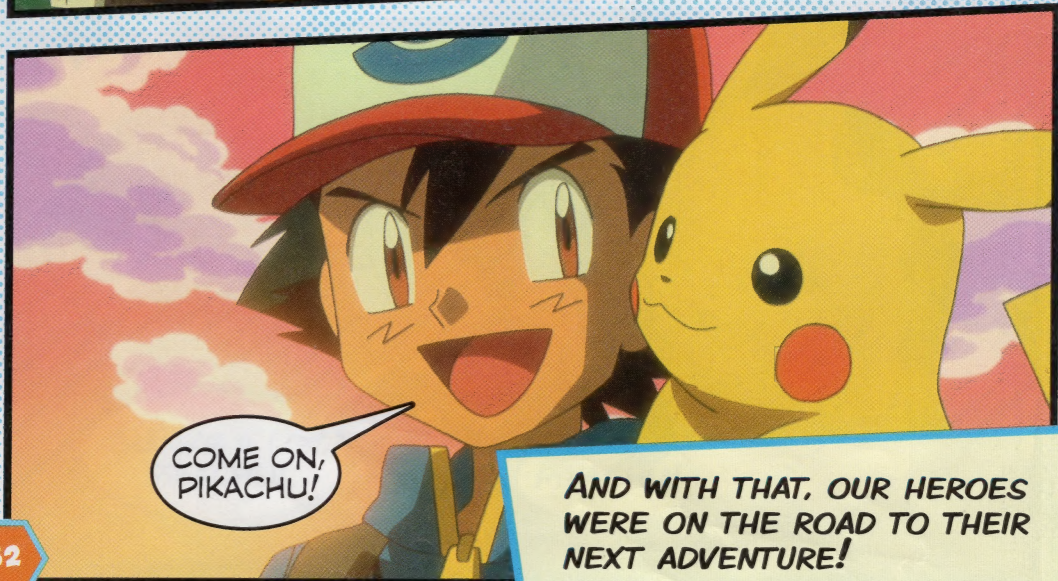
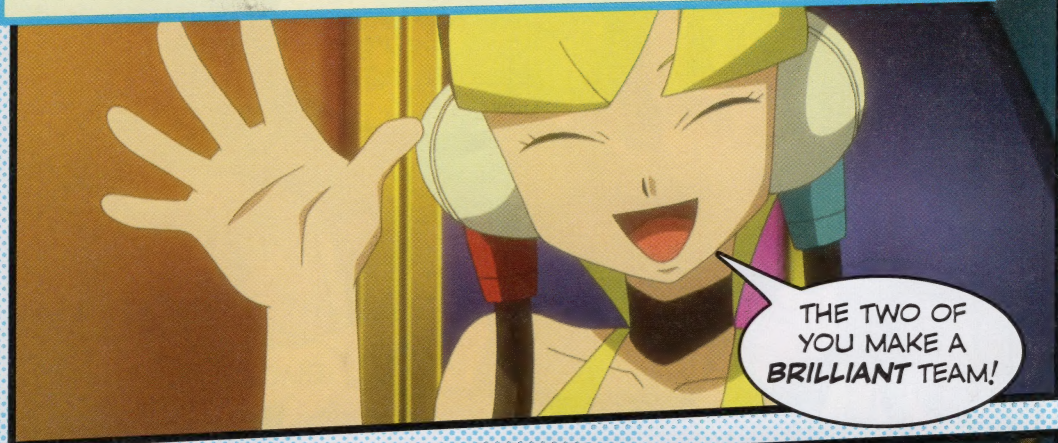
ALL RIGHT!

ASH HAD WON HIS BATTLE WITH ELESА!

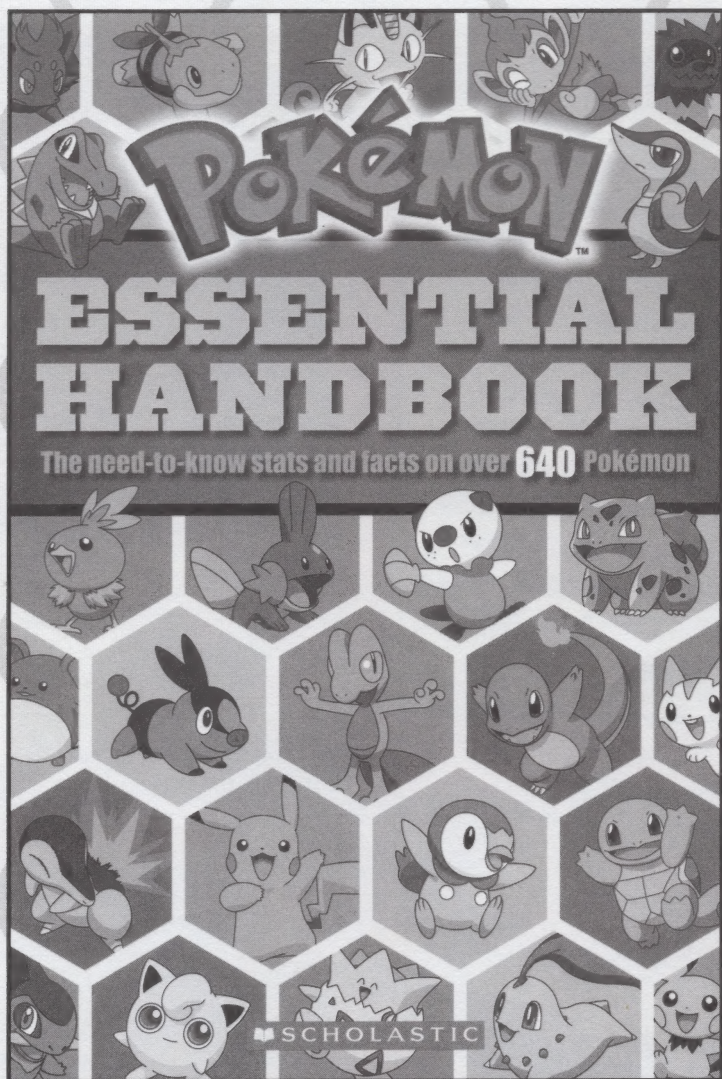





IT WAS TIME FOR ASH, CILAN, AND IRIS TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO THEIR NEW PAL ELESA.



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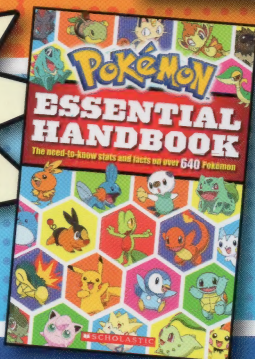
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THIS BATTLE IS GOING TO BE
ELECTRIC!

ASH IS DETERMINED TO WIN HIS FOURTH GYM BADGE IN UNOVA. BUT THIS THREE-ON-THREE MATCH IS A SERIOUS TEST OF HIS SKILLS AS A TRAINER. LIKE ASH, GYM LEADER Elesa HAS A POWERFUL ELECTRIC-TYPE POKÉMON, SO SPARKS ARE SURE TO FLY! CAN ASH AND HIS POKÉMON FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DAZZLE THEIR OPPONENTS AND WIN THE BOLT BADGE?



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